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MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR BEEDI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of doctors, para-medical staff and dispensaries in various States to look after beedi workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b) Though there is no shortage of para-medical staff and the Hospitals/Dispensaries run under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund, however, there is a shortage of 41 medical officers in these 197 dispensaries and 4 Hospitals. As majority of these Dispensaries are located in far-flung and remote areas, sometimes medical officers are reluctant to join their assignment in those areas, therefore, some posts remain vacant.

(c) To fill up the vacant posts of medical officers, efforts have also been made to appoint medical officers on contract basis.